
1. What had Pilate done to the Galilean worshipers? (verse 1)

   Special Question: What can we learn from secular history about the character and career of Pontius Pilate?

2. Why would Jesus respond to the report of the people this way? What other incident does Jesus mention, and what are the differences between the two? Why does He ask if the people think those who suffered were “worse sinners”? If they were not, what does that imply about suffering they experienced? Explain the phrase: “you will all likewise perish.” (verse 2-5)

3. What complaint did the vineyard owner have against the fig tree? What was the keeper of the vineyard’s suggestion? What would be the fate of the fig tree if it did not repent? Explain the meaning of this parable and its application in this context. (verses 6-9)